

## LLANFAIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held at St Hilary Village Hall on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Chairman : Councillor Mary Llewellyn  
Councillors : David Ilsley, Heather Shaw, Ray Simkiss and Jim Teague.

**In Attendance:** Jackie Griffin, Clerk.  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor G A Cox.  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillors A Parker

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**  
Councillors Malcolm Francis, David Hawkins and Geoff Simpson.

PCSO H O'Callaghan.  
Vale of Glamorgan Councillor H Jarvie.

**Item 2: Declarations of Interest.**  
None.

**Item 3: Community Police Matters.**  
No police presence.

**Item 4: Acceptance of Minutes of Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor Teague and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were a correct record of the meeting and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016, (not included in this agenda).**

5.1 Item 13.1 – Horses galloping on St Hilary Common.  
The Clerk advised that she is waiting for a response from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Councillor Simkiss mentioned a possible 'Protection of Open Space Act' which might apply in this case.

5.2 The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Vale of Glamorgan Council to request that the 'Road Sweeper' visits Llandough.

**Item 6: Report from the Vale of Glamorgan Councillors.**

6.1 The Planning Application for Darren Farm had been approved with a considerable number of conditions which will have to be met.

6.2 Mr C Parish, Operational Manager, Cleansing Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, has retired after many years of service to the community.

6.3 Food Waste Bags were discussed and particularly the fact that residents do not realise that they have to purchase them.

**Item 7: Chairman's Report**  
No report.

**Item 8: Clerk's Report.**

**Finances**

Bank balance was noted at **£5,087.93** (Current Account £4,195.77 and Savings £892.16).

**Payments made since last meeting are:**

Clerk's Salary (January) - £192.83;  
Councillor R Simkiss – (purchase of Christmas tree) - £105.00;  
St Mary Church Residents Association (Christmas tree) - £105.00 (not yet presented at the bank).

**Payments due to be made are:**

Clerk's Salary (February) - £192.83;  
One Voice Wales (Annual Subscription) £70.00 (see item 13.2);  
Councillor Shaw (to purchase festive lights) £105.00 (see item 11).

**Monies received into the Bank Account – None.**

**Footpath from St Mary Church to The Herberts.**

The Footpath Officer, Mr Gwyn Teague, had contacted the Clerk regarding concerns of the Council with horse riders using the footpath. He advised that it is not a specific offense to ride horses on a public footpath, rather doing so may constitute a trespass against the underlying landowner. Mr Teague does offer to arrange the installation of signage indicating that the path is for use by pedestrians only.

**Resolved** that the Community Council should accept Mr Teague's offer of signage.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beacon.**

Letter received from the Mayor of Cowbridge advising that the Town Council is considering lighting a 'Beacon' on St Hilary Down on 21<sup>st</sup> April in celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Many beacons were lit across the country in 2012 in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Buckingham Palace is appealing to communities to do this once again this year. The Mayor is seeking support from groups in the community including Llanfair Community Council and intends to hold a meeting shortly to discuss arrangements.

**Resolved** that Councillor Llewellyn should attend the meeting on behalf of the Community Council and report information back to Members for their consideration.

**Item 9: Planning.**

No planning items.

**Item 10: Broadband in the Rural Vale.**

Councillor Teague advised that he attended a recent meeting regarding the ongoing broadband issue in St Mary Church. It is intended to have the planning process completed by June with the improved broadband in situ by mid-November. There will be a seven week survey phase. There will be 'poles' erected in the area through Llandough and the public will have an opportunity to object to the process. Members of the Community Council will be contacted during the process and there will be an opportunity to walk the route sometime during June/July. The new system will require three boxes situated in Llandough, The Herberts and St Mary Church and the superfast broadband will be able to supply most of the homes in the area.

**Item 11: To discuss Christmas Celebrations.**

Councillor Llewellyn advised that it has been decided to use the St Hilary portion of the Christmas CASH Grant to purchase 'lights' for the festive season to place on a tree in situ in the centre of the Village.

**Item 12: Reports of Representatives.**

Councillor Simpson had given a written report on the recent meeting of the Local Committee of One Voice Wales and which had been circulated to members. *See appendix 1.*

**Item 13: Correspondence and Publications.**

13.1

Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in response to the one sent from Llanfair Community Council with regard to fact that paper copies of plans will no longer be posted out to Town and Community Councils. The comments with regard to the provision of broadband in the rural areas of the Vale of Glamorgan are noted but it advises that it is not necessary for plans to be displayed only when connected to the internet as they can be accessed at a location which has a faster connection and saved to a compute or memory stick and then printed out or displayed from the computer's memory. Where it is felt necessary paper copies can still be requested from the Local Planning Authority. Also responses to planning consultations are requested within 21 days. With regard to possible funding concerning the installation of internet connection within the Village Hall, the letter has been forwarded to the ICT Department and it is suggested that enquiries are made with the Welsh Government.

**Noted.**

13.2

Letter received from One Voice Wales regarding the annual subscription which is now due renewal at a cost of £70, an increase of £2 on last year. The letter also advises of the services accessible and provided to Town and Community Councils.

**Resolved** that the Community Council renews its annual subscription to One Voice Wales at the cost of £70.

13.3

Papers from the Vale of Glamorgan Council containing the agenda for the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and a Report of the Leader on A4226 Five Mile Lane Highways Improvements Compulsory Purchase Order 2016 and Related Side Roads Order.

**Noted.**

13.4

Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2015.

**Item 14: Any Other Business allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.**

14.1

Councillors discussed their concerns regarding the continuing state of the roads in the Vale of Glamorgan and in particular, the increasing number of potholes. It was stressed that potholes must be reported as soon as possible to the Vale of Glamorgan Council in order that the potholes can be filled in.

**Item 15: Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting.**

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at 7.00pm in St Hilary Village Hall.**

..... Chairman  
Date : 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.